

# AMA-CHEWER

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## PROGRAMS

- April 17th Howard Severeid, W9DPL will talk on Conelrad and how it might affect the hams. This of interest to you because it may require your monitoring while you are on the air.
- April 24th The Fansteel Metallurgical Company will show a movie on Tantalum Capacitors. This is your opportunity to learn more about these new items in the electronic art. Learn how you can save space with them.
- May 1st To be announced
- May 8th Business meeting of the club.
- May 14th Commercial examinations 526 Federal Bldg Indpls.  
15th Amateur examinations at 526 Federal Building Indpls  
Both above examinations to start at 9:00 A.M. and to be finished by 5:00 P.M. (Notify the FCC office at Chicago, 826 U. S. Court House, of your intent to appear and request forms, stating type of examination and upon receipt fill them out and have notarized and have ready on day of examination.
- June 30th Closing dates for Novice W. A. S. Contest and 40 Meter phone contest. See text of this issue Ama-Chewer.
- June 20th Field Day. Byron Fortner is Chief Opr. for this  
21st National event and anyone having usable equipment, wanting to operate and willing to work to put up the equipment is asked to contact him now. We will be on the air again from the Pete Curtis place, the same as last year.
- July ?? The annual IRCC picnic will be held in Indianapolis again and at this picnic the 40 meter Phone WAS awards will be made as well as the Novice WAS award and the outstanding amateur presentation.



## ACTIVITY

We have deviated a little from usual in our program listing to include events in the future. By so listing these events you are alerted to prepare for them and to help with them thereby. Any suggestions you may offer are more than welcome and your full participation is earnestly requested.

## CLASSIFIED

VHF 152 Converter \$50.00, Harvey Wells all band transmitter \$100.00, Hallicrafter S-38 \$25.00, Hallicrafter S-40 \$75.00. Contact Robert Lodge, 1448 S. Pershing IM 4748.

80 WATT TRANSMITTER for sale, see cover of Oct. 1951 QST. Works 80, 40, 20 CW. Delbert Miller Blackstone 1778.

TV BOOSTERS for sale, trade, or swap. Contact Art Schultz, W9NNX, 908 East Michigan St. Phone Capitol 7223.

## BUILDING PROGRAM

A new building committee was named by the new club president to consist of Robert Caskey, W9DNQ chairman, Alvey Pittman, W9JJC, W. C. Herkless, W9URC, and John Jones, W9FZW. Further the club authorized that an account be set up in the bank for the building fund only. This account be used for building fund purposes only and to be for a period of not to exceed 2 years whereby if the club had not started its building program that the monies collected be returned to the donors. This open the way for the club to really get down to brass tacks and get going on this item of a building of its own. The committee will soon meet and review the past action on the subject and have bids for a building as formerly proposed. A place to erect the building or a place whereby a building is already erected will be wanted so any member or even non-member knowing of any such a place is invited to contact any member of the new committee and let them know of such a place and they will investigate the proposal. The committee report will be announced at meetings and by Ama-Chewer as it progresses.

## CONTESTS

As noted in the Program section of this issue you are reminded of the contests sponsored by the Indiana Radio Club Council. Follows a condensed form of the contest rules sent out by Chuck Reberg, W9MVZ the chairman of the Activities of the IRCC.

Novice W. A. S. Contest Object: Work all of the continental United States. Eligibility: All holders of Bona Fide Novice licenses in the State of Indiana. Contest Period: Jan. 1, to June 30, 1953. Frequencies: All Amateur frequencies open to Novice operation. Scoring: One point for each state worked. Multiplier of two for each verification (QSL) submitted: Total multiplied by number of States worked.

Example:

40 States logged		40 points
30 QSL's received	(x2)	60 points
	Total	100 points
40 States worked	(x40)	4000 points

All entries to be in hands of Charles Reberg 3900 W. 10th Ave. Gary, Indiana by July 10, 1953. Case of ties QSL dates to determine winner. First prize will be radio equipment valued at fifty dollars, Second prize (runner-up) will be radio equipment valued at twenty dollars.

(40 meter phone contest dope on next page)



# 40 METER PHONE WAS CONTEST

## IRCC sponsored contest

Eligibility: all licensed amateurs in the state of Indiana qualified to operate on forty meter phone: Contest period, Feb. 20, 1953 0200 CST (opening day) to June 30, 1953, 2400 CST. Scoring: One point for each confirmation (QSL) received; Multiply this total by number of states worked.

Example:

40 states logged	40 points
36 QSL's received	<u>-x36</u>
	1440 points
Multiply by # of states worked	<u>x40</u>
Total	5700 points

Suitable trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners. In case of ties, dates of QSL's will be checked to determine winners. All entries (including copy of log and QSL's) must be in the hands of the contest chairman, W9MVZ, 3900 W. 10th Ave., Gary, Indiana, by July 10, 1953. QSL's will be returned.

Awards to be made at the Indiana Radio Club Council Hamfest in July.

There there fellows if you had not already heard of them so keep the ball rolling and see how you can place.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

We continue to receive other club publications that are exchanged with our paper and the latest issue of the GroundWave published by the St. Paul Radio Club of St. Paul, Minnesota carries a card announcing the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association hamfest on April 18th at Marathon Park, Wausau, Wis. This issue of the Groundwave carried a TVI committee report as well as a club property report and as noted last issue of our paper Charles Compton is now president of that club.

The Tristate Sparks of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society of Evansville, Indiana is including a 100 % QSLing blank in their last issue. Fred Sawyer there is attempting to readdress QSL cards turned over to him by the local postmaster if he has the correct address of the addressed person. (This reminds us that Charley Campbell here in town some time ago was attempting to do this very same thing and we wonder if he is still attending to this. How about it Charley?)

Then we come to the gem of them all. The Podunk News published by the Egyptian Radio Club Inc. of Granite City, Illinois. Its editor, Earl R. Linder, W0DZG, throws 9 pages of witisms and comment at the readers and it is mostly in the style of regular podunk news including we-ing we-ing phone men. (Read it and weep) That means that we local men just missed having a good editor for our own sheet the Ama-Chewer as Earl was with us some time but his only contribution here was to the tune of Why Don't they or Imagine this. Remember them? What does it take to get our own membership (While it is ours) to turn out the stuff they do when they get away from here. Tell us Earl What kind of oil do they boil you in to get you to give with such fancy words. (Ye ed can think of several local voice and word merchants that could give with the patter if they only would and if you don't look out he will put the finger on you)

At any rate fellows, ye ed of your own sheet tries his best, lifting what he can from these papers and from the members who do turn in some news or items and the papers are then passed out at club for your reading.



## WANTED

Fred Sawyer from the Tri State Radio Club writes wanting the following information and he ed copies those portions from his letter.

He want to know of any one who does not save their CQ and QST magazines as he wants to send them to PAØ, ZL and CTI land.- anyone having such copies contact the writer, Fred Sawyer, W9FJI at 427 E. Virginia St. Evansville, Ind. Fred furthur wants to know of anyone working with 420 MCs. Locally he says W9UNT and himself are using 2J4 deals and want to swap dope with others on this frequency. Fred himself wants to get a Jan and June 1950 CQ and is offering 50 cents each for these particular magazines for his own file.

## REPORTING

The following for the most part as typewritten matter submitted by Howard Severeid, W9DPL who sets a real example that could well be followed by the membership at large if they wanted a real nuesday paper of their OWN. Our many thanks to Howard who continually sends in this news and makes this portion of our paper possible.

Some of the othermidwest ham club publications have been running poetry, jokes, etc. to amuse thereaders, and we shall not be outdone, as witness the following contribution:

Daffynitions from our technical dictionary\*\*\*\*\*

THERMOCOUPLE - newlyweds. EXECUTIVE - man with a worried look ( on the face of his assistant.) CHLORINE - night club dancer. COPPER - guard on fire escape at a girl's dormitory. ANTIMONY - fee collected by ex-wives. OXIDE - outer covering of an ox. LATTICE - a vegetable. MISCIBLE - unhappy SILVER - the Lone Ranger's horse. TIN - not fat. CARBON - storage space for street cars. BORON - ham with low mentality. ATOM - Eve's husband. TENSION - army order. CATALYST - ranch owner. (That noise you just heard was caused by the fact that the corn is popping.

Andy by the way (Alvey) that request for a Nosey four was quickly filled by the radio store clerk with an OZ4. Get it A L V E Y ?

Our worthy editor and printer of this "Ama-Chewer"  
Has remarked that if news contributions were any fewer  
He would not have to print an issue anymore  
But if you didn't receive it, you'd probably be sore  
Hos job of gathering news activities and such  
And shaping them up with his editorial touch  
Plus cutting stencils, mimeographing, printing and mailing to you  
Takes valueable time and much effort before an issue comes through  
Let's each of us who accepts and re ads what is printed  
Ast as though we understood what has midly been hinted  
And each month regularly contribute a bit of ham news  
Of yourself, stati n activities, or whatever you choose.  
If we keep on doing the way we have done in the past  
Some early edition of our "Ama-Chewer" could be the last  
You wouldn't like that so very well, we all know,  
So, let's all take a sma'il part in the show.  
You know of things of interest ot those who get this sheet  
Send in the information and give everyone a treat  
Don't delay, do it now, give a helping hand  
To keep un interest in the best hobby in our fair land  
Do this regularly and it will be really super-fine  
And appreciated by all who read each and every line



You'll have the feeling that you've done your part  
To help those interested in the amateur radio operating art.

Grant Newton who was W9HWH and worked at RCA here is now located in Camden, New Jersey, home address is 314 Penn Street there, and on the air with the call W9HWH/3, using 100 watts of fone and cw on all bands into a Stancor 110-C transmitter and welcomes a call from anyone back home in Indiana. Grant is working part time at RCA's Camden plant and taking an Electrical Engineering course in Philadelphia just across the river from Camden.

Remember the FCC will hold exams as announced in this paper in May so if you are thinking of going up drop a line to the Chicago office for papers and be ready the 14th of May for commercials and the 15th for Amateur licenses.

Bill Larned swapped his WN call for an "N" call after passing his general class license test. He is enjoying the complexities of phone operation on 75 meter phone along with CW on other bands using a 25 watt Lettine transmitter.

By the way another line tells us that Harry Butler, our secretary, has papers for the ham examinations so that will save you writing for them. Butler, by the way, is home sick the past two or three days. Let's hope that you get better soon Harry.

Charlie Phippen who is with the state police communications system has been in the hospital for a spell and we all hope Charley will soon be out and well, and able to be back at his work at Stout field. Charley moved here from Anderson not so long ago and although he had been working at Stout field previous to his move he had been commuting back and forth between here and Anderson.

W9OVF, Harry Butler, the club secretary has purchased a new Johnson VFO kit from Graham Electronics and has it wired up and working and says it does a swell job with his home built composite transmitter and recommends it to anyone needing a VFO substitute for crystal operation.

Larry Goetz, W9MHM has left the local scene to accept employment in Newark, New Jersey and hopes to be able to move his family there when school lets out this spring. Larry says he is taking along enough equipment to get on the air there and will be looking for QSO's with the Indianapolis gang from Newark.

Robert Kirk of 1157 S. Drexel has a command receiver for the 80 meter band for listening and is getting up his code speed in preparation to taking the exam when the FCC comes to town in the near future. Bob goes to Arsenal Technical high school and reports more and more interest in Novice operating there.

W9PIL, Jake Spade who works for the Indiana State Police radio system is on the air occasionally and looking for a commercially made-smtr with band-switching features, and for a National MC183D or HRO-40 receiver. He also has two surplus prop pitch changing motors to dispose of in case anyone needs them.

#### ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time there was a boy penguin and a girl penguin who met at the equator. After a brief but pleasant interlude, they parted and the boy penguin went to the North pole and girl penguin to the South pole. Later on a radiogram via amateur radio arrived at the North pole station simply, "Come quick, I am with Byrd".



The local newspapers of Saturday, March 28th carried stories of a big fire in the 4000 block of East 14th street stating that several firms were injured in fighting the blaze. One was our local ham friend W9THM Paul Hurley of 4416 Cornell Avenue and photographs of him also appeared. We hope Paul's stay in the hospital was not too bad and that he gets out and is able to go back on duty to enjoy his ham radio operating very soon again.

Conelrad has been touched off in the latest issues of QST and CQ magazines and a more detailed plan of the workings appeared in Tele-Tech magazine on page 85, March 1953 issue. It is well for each and every active ham to become familiar with how this system of Control of Electronic Radiation will affect him once it goes into use. (A program on this subject was presented at club by Howard Severeid, W9DPL and it seemed that the ham still was left in the dark as to its entire overall aspects but that he might have to monitor a broadcast program to be able to confirm with the requirements that the system imposes.)

Any ham that attended the Radio club program Friday the 3rd of April will talk enthusiastically about it. The program that night you may recall was put on by Channel Master antenna makers and was called "The Antenna Is The Payoff". It was well thought up movie, in color, that showed what went into the making of an antenna and included the development work that produces the various antennas for specific conditions that exist. Included were interesting methods of antenna testing including the automatic logging of the tests themselves. The program left no doubt that the Channel master was the antenna to recommend to TV "Squint Box" viewer friends.

In line with the thought published in the last of issue of Ama-Chewer that programs be limited to a closing time of 9:30 P.M. why not also introduce a resolution that programs start PROMPTLY at 8:00 PM and that we arrive before that time and that we keep better semblance of order during the programs. The rag-chewing and chatter can wait until after official adjournment at 9:30 PM or whatever time is becomes official. WE can all as individuals subscribe to this procedure without any undue hardship on ourselves. (Ed. Yes, just a little common courtesy with due respect to the speaker makes it easier for the program committee to keep interesting programs being presented at club meetings.)

Henry Harney, W9FYQ reports that fellows who are desiring local ten-meter contacts should listen and join in on the local stations who get on the air at 8:00 P.M. each Thursday evening.

Glenn Barr, W9KAS reports that interest in the ten-meter mobile net is increasing and plans are being finished to have a going net which will have bi-weekly drills on the air every other Wednesday night. Contact Glenn down at Meunier Radio Co. during the day or on the air from W9KAS evenings or at club on meeting nights for complete information. The club obtained a large group of quartz crystals on the same frequency for use of mobile stations and for one of these for your rig, see Ralph Mays, the club treasurer. This net also needs a few fixed station operators for their activities so let's have volunteers. This group from our club membership will no doubt carry the greater part of the load when Memorial Day arrives. They will help in directing and helping many mobile ham visitors who come to our city for the 500 mile race. They are doing us a good turn by organizing this net and of course it is the means of meeting any emergency call either of a civil defense measure of need or a civil call such as the recent disaster at Lewis where the ammunition train demolished the town.



The local papers on Monday March 14th showed a photo of John Voliva of Graham Electronics demonstrating a mighty midget sized electronic organ made there at Graham Electronics and featuring transistors instead of vacuum tubes. The write-up accompanying the photo was a nice one and suggests the possibility that the club contact John and arrange a program on the various possibilities of the transistor which in days to come will no doubt be quite commonplace with all hams and electronic technicians.

Pete Curtis, W9GQX has had his hours of work changed and is now enjoying his off-time on Sundays and Mondays and his offer to again have the field day activities of the IRC at his place has been taken up by the club. Pete, you will recall, was the host for the last two field day activities of the IRC and the gang agrees that the hospitality shown and the environment are superb for Field Day work.

Glenn Leffingwell, W9EON is still doing radio technician work out at Weir Cook airport and reports he now has a daytime job and is rebuilding his kilowatt rig at his home station.

We marvel at the activities of W9TT, Harry Smith when working the traffic nets on 80 CW and wonder if he keeps his log in shorthand or if he employs a licensed secretary for this, as it would keep most of us busy just doing log work in addition to working the numerous stations that Harry works during a session Hi.

#### AND STILL MORE

Harry Butler, W9OVF built an extra room onto his house and has the radio station moved from the basement up to this room and says it sure fills the bill so far as added operating convenience goes.

It is reported that Al Whisenand, W9ASM a pioneer VHF-UHF operator in our midst is building a new house. We wonder who will get the contract for electrical wiring in his new lay-out? Hi.

That reminds us that Jerry Lucas, W9AHL ex now A9APJ was going to do at the site of his new home. He went out there one Sunday to add to the wiring that the contractor had had installed and look as he did he could not find out where to add to those already installed. He ended up by putting additional telephone outlets and TV outlets for proposed locations for these units. Included also were outlets for an intercom unit between the house and the garage where Jerry will put his machine shop, one sitting, garaging, etc. His place by the way is nearing completion. It is located Northwest of the city, a little west of Alvey Pittman's home and a little further North. Jerry says that he will really try to get on the air once he gets moved into the new place. (Ed. It is really a swell place too, and ya ed will miss the help he used to get in getting Ama-Chewer to bed.)

Pete Curtis, W9GQX, our Field Day host is going to try out the T4FD antenna system to use along with his rhombic sky-wire out at his place on High School road. His place is just between Washington St and the Rockville Road.

Suggestion to program committee- now that so many hearing aids are being dumped on the market as "surplus" due to manufacturers having discarded models using miniature and sub-miniature tubes in favor of the transistor, how about a program on how to convert the older hearing aids to speech amplifiers for low powered rigs?



Jerry Bramblett, W9POF and all the boys both licensed and hams-to-be out at Arsenal Tech high school are to be congratulated on the swell article on ham activities there. The article published in the Indianapolis News of March 24th and featured a photo of Allen Landreth, W9STW at his home station. Give the boys at Tech a call when you hear them on the air from their station W9HFQ and encourage them along.

The licensed hams and would-be operators up at Butler University here have faculty permission to organize a club and have applied to FCC for a license and are going ahead with plans to get on the air there. Marvin Robbins, W9KPJ has done a great job in getting up a directory (with his friends help) of hams in Indianapolis which will be published the latter part of May and which they will set at a reasonable and nominal fee. The proceeds will go toward helping out the new club in getting started.

Howard Severeid, W9DPL reports not much new at his place except that he recently put into service a National Select-O-Ject unit, and RME type MB-3 Boomerang. He got in a Gardner code keyer unit, and a Mon-Key electronic bug and a Harvey-Wells TBS-50 xmtr for low-power all band work and in addition to a pre-war Meissner signal shifter for still lower power work. Also a couple of Ohmite dummy antenna units for testing equipment off-the-air, a Triplett type 225N volt ohmmeter and a mimeograph machine (Ed. Oh-Oh) plus three extension ladders totaling 55 feet. Anyone contemplating using any of the above items in the future can no doubt contact W9DPL and arrange for a demonstration of them to satisfy the curious operator before said operator goes and spends his money for items for his own use in his station.

#### THANKS

To those who made this issue possible. Howard Severeid W9DPL for his large assortment of news. To ye editors wife Catherine, his mother Leota for their help in printing and folding the paper and affixing the stamps, and to ye ed's daughter Joy for keeping out of the way. Hi.

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